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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT THAT KING HUSSEIN BELIEVES ARAFAT CAN
BE REPLACED

1. UNDER THE HEADLINE "ARAFAT CAN BE REPLACED," THE OCT. 11
EDITION OF KUWAIT DAILY AL-QABAS, CARRIES AN UNDATED, APPARENTLY
EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH KING HUSSAIN. (THE STORY APPEARS TO
DERIVE FROM NEW YORK-BASED NEWMAN LIVON KISHISHIAN,
AND IT IS ALLEGEDLY PRINTED BY SPECIAL ARRANGMENT WITH
"THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.") IN RESPONSE TO A
QUERY WHETHER THERE ARE PALESTINIAN LEADERS, OTHER THAN
ARAFAT, WHO COULD BE GENERALLY ACCEPTED AND WHO COULD LEAD A
PALESTINIAN DELEGATION TO GENEVA, THE KING REPORTEDLY REPLIED:
"THERE ARE MANY WHO ARE ABLE TO CARRY OUT THIS RESPONSIBILITY...
I SHALL NOT MENTION THE NAMES OF THESE PERSONALITIES...BECAUSE
THERE ARE MANY ALTERNATIVES..." ALSO, THE KING REPORTEDLY
SAID THAT HE WANTS THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE "TO HAVE THE
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RIGHT TO SELECT THEIR POLITICAL LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE
PEOPLE THEMSELVES. I REITERATE THAT THIS PROCESS SHOULD
TAKE PLACE UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONTROL..." THE INTERVIEW
ALSO QUOTES KING HUSSAIN AS SAYING THAT, WHILE HE SUPPORTS
A PALESTINIAN ROLE IN ANY MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS, HE DOES
"NOT SUPPORT" THE FORMATION OF A JORDANIAN DELEGATION THAT
INCLUDES THE PLO.

2. COMMENT: WE CANNOT IDENTIFY A US MAGAZINE
NAMED "CHIEF EXECUTIVE."
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